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The Honorable William M. Nickerson
U.S. District Judge
United States District Court
Garmantz Federal Courthouse
101 W. Lombard Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

Re: Maryland General Hospital, Inc. v. Donna E. Shalala
Civil No. WMN-00-221

Dear Judge Nickerson:

We represent Maryland General Hospital, Inc., the plaintiff in this action. Based on discussions with opposing counsel, we are writing to the Court on behalf of both parties in the case.

The parties have received the Scheduling Order dated June 8, 2000 in the above case. This case involves a review of the final decision of the Secretary of Health and Human Services under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. § 706, and therefore judicial review will be based on the Administrative Record of the proceedings below. The parties agree that discovery will not be required in this case, and that this action can be disposed of on cross-motions for summary judgment.

Plaintiff's counsel Carel T. Hedlund consulted with defendant's counsel Erinn Weeks, and the parties propose the following agreed schedule for the filing of cross-motions for summary judgment:

Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment

September 1, 2000

Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion
And Defendant's Cross Motion for
Summary Judgment

October 16, 2000

" APPROVED " THIS 21st DAY
OF June, 20 00
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Cross-
Motion For Summary Judgment and
Reply Brief

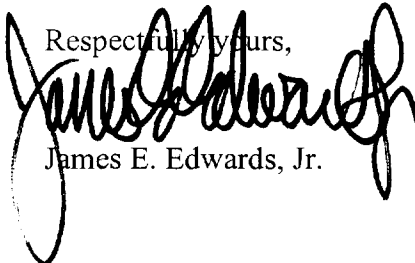
November 6, 2000

Defendant's Reply Brief

December 1, 2000

We ask that the Court approve the schedule outlined above. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully yours,

James E. Edwards, Jr.

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